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YAOUNDE - "I WAS DEEPLY IMPRESSED BY THE OPPORTUNITY I HAD TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH CAMEROON PRESIDENT AHIDJO, WHO IS SO CLEARLY ONE OF THE SENIOR AND DISTINGUISHED STATESMEN OF AFRICA", DECLARED ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS NATHANIEL DAVIS IN AN AIRPORT INTERVIEW HERE. THE SECRETARY WAS LEAVING CAMEROON AT THE END OF A FIVE-NATION AFRICAN VISIT AND IS NOW ON HIS WAY TO THE U.S.

"THE WISDOM PRESIDENT AHIDJO HAS SHOWN IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNTRY AND IN THE LARGER INTERNATIONAL ISSUES WITH WHICH AFRICANS ARE CONCERNED HAS MADE IT PARTICULARLY VALUABLE FOR ME TO BE ABLE TO KNOW HIM AND TO MEET WITH HIM."

SECRETARY DAVIS ALSO MET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER VINCENT EFON AND A NUMBER OF OTHER MINISTERS FOR AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON BOTH BILATERAL AND INTERNATIONAL ISSUES. HE ALSO MET WITH AMERICAN OFFICIALS AND VISITED THE UNIVERSITY OF YAOUNDE'S HEALTH SERVICES CENTER WHICH TRAINS INTEGRATED HEALTH TEAMS TO DEAL WITH MEDICAL PROBLEMS IN RURAL AREAS. THE CENTER RECEIVES SUPPORT FROM THE U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (AID).

QUESTIONED ON U.S. ASSISTANCE TO CAMEROON, SECRETARY DAVIS POINT-ED OUT THAT THE U.S. IS INVOLVED IN HEALTH AND AGRICULTURAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS. "WE ARE ALSO ENGAGED IN EDUCATION WITH ENGLISH TEACHING PROGRAMS INVOLVING PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS, AND WE UNCLASSIFIED

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ARE PROUD TO BE PARTICIPATING IN THE IMAGINATIVE AND INNOVATIVE

AND VERY IMPORTANT PROGRAM FOR DIVERSIFIED HEALTH SERVICES AT YOUR UNIVERSITY."

" AS FAR AS PRIVATE INVESTMENT IS CONCERNED, THESE QUESTIONS CERTAINLY CONCERN THE GOVERNMENT OF CAMEROON AS MUCH AS THE U. S. GOVERNMENT. AS FAR AS THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS CONCERNED, WE ARE PREPARED TO BE AS HELPFUL AS WE CAN IN ENCOURAGING FIRMS TO PRESENT PROPOSALS AND BIDS THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF CAMEROON CAN CONSIDER."

SECRETARY DAVIS REITERATED SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER'S DESIRE TO VISIT AFRICA. ITEM. BACHE

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